

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-3 and 42-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Osamura et al. (U.S. 6,094,000).

Claims 26-41 stand allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-25 and 42-44 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 26-41 are presently pending.

All Pending Claims are Allowed

Rejected claims 1-3 and 42-44 are cancelled and non-elected claims 4-25 also are cancelled. Therefore, the only pending claims (claims 26-41) are indicated as allowed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

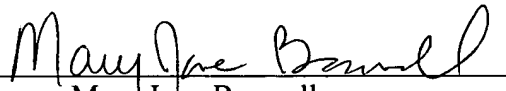
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Respectfully submitted,

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